

**Exhibit 6L**

**Excerpts of Financial Stability Agreement (City Ex. 032)**

## **FINANCIAL STABILITY AGREEMENT**

WHEREAS, the City of Detroit (the "City"), like many industrial cities throughout the United States, has experienced a prolonged period of economic change stretching over several decades which has eroded the quality of life of the City's residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the City currently confronts daunting challenges characterized by persistent and systemic fiscal imbalances and deficit conditions, aggravated by the deterioration in revenues received from property taxes, income taxes, interest earnings, utility revenues, and intergovernmental revenues resulting from the recent serious recession in the U.S. and Michigan economies; by the growth in the City's legacy costs concurrently with the City's diminished ability to carry such costs; and by the difficulty in rapidly restructuring the City's operations so as to bring short-term and long-term expenditures in line with current and projected revenues; and

WHEREAS, a financially stable and vibrant City is important as a catalyst for the State of Michigan's overall image and success in economic development, business attractiveness, quality of life, and a host of other factors; and

WHEREAS, fundamentally changing the City's current trajectory can restore the quality of life which families, businesses and visitors have a right to expect and enjoy; and

WHEREAS, the City, through the Mayor and City Council, seeks to pursue this long-term vision by achieving, first, financial stability for the City, and, second, a sustainable and stable platform for growth ensuring the City's financial integrity in a manner that enables the City to grow, prosper and thrive; and

(b) By approval of this Agreement, the City Council has approved of the "Operational Reform Program" attached hereto as Annex B and authorized its implementation. The City Council shall make such other changes in ordinances and resolutions and coordinate its staff as may be necessary or convenient to fully implement Annex B as contemplated by this Agreement, as well as approve other actions consistent with the Reform Program.

2.5. Support of Phase I Reform. Cooperating with the City, the Treasury Department, in addition to the supportive activities of the Treasury Department and the State described in Annex E, will undertake the following actions in support of the Phase I Reform actions taken by the City under Sec. 2.4:

- (a) Cash stabilization transaction: The Treasury Department will assist with structuring and will grant relevant approvals for the City to complete a refinancing or refinancings of certain of the City's outstanding indebtedness so as to provide liquidity prior to June 30, 2012. The anticipated aggregate size of the refinancing(s) is approximately \$137 million, of which approximately \$33 million will be used to refinance existing debt, and approximately \$104 million will be placed in an escrow account and used to pay for costs of the Reform Program and for City operating expenses. Draws from the escrow account shall be as and when approved by the State Treasurer in the State Treasurer's discretion.
- (b) Technical and financial assistance: The Treasury Department shall provide the City with technical assistance (which may include in-kind financial assistance) and support to the City in rapidly implementing the following information technology projects:
  - (1) Completion of a payroll system upgrade.
  - (2) Integration of budgeting, accounting and financial reporting systems.
  - (3) Implementation of a new grants management system.
- (c) Income tax collection: The Treasury Department will assist the City in maximizing revenues collected under the City income tax. This will include technical assistance to modernize processing, enhance enforcement, and

improve collections. The Treasury Department will assist the City in preparation of draft legislation to require withholding of City Income Taxes for City residents working outside the City. Additionally, the Treasury Department will explore the possibility of enabling the collection and distribution of the City income tax in conjunction with the collection and distribution of the State income tax.

(d) Legislative assistance: The parties agree that legislation may be required to give the City the tools to achieve part of its Section 2.4 (Phase I Reform) objectives, including, but not limited to legislation:

- (1) Enabling PLD changes;
- (2) Enabling Bus Rapid Transit legislation;
- (3) If determined appropriate by the Financial Advisory Board, enabling the long-term funding of unfunded pension and other post-employment benefit liabilities.
- (4) Enabling appropriations proportional to the City's progress in achieving Reform Initiatives.

The Treasury Department agrees to draft for presentation to the Governor for recommendation to the Legislature as a recommended measure under Section 17 of Article V of the State Constitution of 1963 such legislation as the City and State reasonably agree is necessary or appropriate to enable the City to achieve its Phase I Reform objectives.

2.6 Implementation of Phase II Reform—Following Actions. Consistent with Mayor's and City Council's development of the strategy, policies and long-term vision of a revitalized City and to preserve financial integrity, following the implementation of the Phase I Reform actions detailed in Section 2.4, the City intends to implement a number of additional actions (the "Phase II Reform"), including, but not limited to, the development and implementation of plans related to (a) the further consolidation, disposition or elimination of City departments, (b) grants management restructuring, (c) property management review, and (d) the implementation of "best practices" with respect to the City's pension and other post-employment benefits in consultation with the Financial Advisory Board and in furtherance of the long-term vision. (The Phase I